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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims \_\_\_\_\_ YES

Claims 1-7 \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims \_\_\_\_\_ YES

Claims 1-7 \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-7 \_\_\_\_\_ YES

Claims \_\_\_\_\_ NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 10-339641 A (Hitachi, Ltd.),  
22 December 1998

The inventions of claims 1-7 are described in document 1 cited in the ISR; therefore,  
they do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step.

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